

I believe this proposal is a bad idea. It flouts the Amateur Service's long history of tying license privileges to knowledge and proficiency as measured against some standard. It is in the public's interest to maintain that relationship.

Although there are cases to be made for "grandfathering" the classes and privileges of old-timers over time as FCC makes changes to the license structure, really we should be moving in the opposite direction. That is, more than three license classes ought to exist; the relative challenge of licensure ought to rise more steeply from class to class. This would result in more members of the Amateur Service continuing to educate themselves.